

## Police, Fire, and Ambulance Dispatchers (43-5031)

**Occupation description:** Operate radio, telephone, or computer equipment at emergency response centers. Receive reports from the public of crimes, disturbances, fires, and medical or police emergencies. Relay information to law enforcement and emergency response personnel. May maintain contact with caller until responders arrive.

### Employment and Job Openings

	Average employment			Average annual openings		
	2010 estimate	2020 projection	Percent change	Growth	Replacement	Total
Alaska	349	379	8.6	3	9	12
United States	100,100	111,800	11.7	1,180	1,890	3,070

#### Job outlook

**Alaska:** Alaska's employment growth is low with moderate employment opportunities. [Read more.](#)

### 2013 Wages ?

	Mean Wage and 95% Confidence Interval			Wage by Percentile		
	Low	Mean	High	10th	Median	90th
United States	n/a	18.73	n/a	11.46	17.81	27.90
Alaska	22.13	22.75	23.37	16.65	23.03	28.80
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area (MSA)	24.17	25.63	27.09	20.23	25.84	30.36
Southeast Region	18.55	20.21	21.87	15.11	19.69	28.15
Balance of State	20.55	21.43	22.31	16.13	21.46	27.60

### Labor Force Indicators

#### 2012 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
425	25	5.9	34.4	23.5

#### 2012 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	75
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	16
UI claimants previously working in occupation	55

#### 2012 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	429
Number of job position postings	74
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	5.8

## Typical Entry-level Education, Experience, and/or On-the-job Training

**Education:** High school diploma or equivalent

**Work experience:** None

**On-the-job training:** Moderate-term on-the-job training

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